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Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, May 25 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, May 11 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

GWC WACCY Golf Outing tees off Wednesday, June 8

Grow Wabash County (GWC) has announced that registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's annual WACCY Golf Outing scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 at the Honeywell Golf Course, 3360 Niccum Road. Registration is \$360 per four-person team, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, access to a catered lunch from Miller's Merry Manor and the chance to win a whole assortment of games and prizes. This year's outing will offer an afternoon, 1 p.m. start, flight. There will be a limit of 21 teams, given to teams on a first-come, first-serve basis. A morning flight will be added if at least six teams request a 7:30 a.m. start time by Thursday, May 12. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each of these categories: Longest Drive for both Men and Women; Longest Putt; Closest to the Pin; and prizes for first, second, third and last-place teams. Heartland REMC will once again be sponsoring the Hole-In-One contest, which will include opportunities to win cash prizes for landing holes in one. There are also many sponsorship opportunities for businesses

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Stalled train moved after a week of blocking Ind. 524 in Lagro

Clerk-treasurer: One resident's driveway cut off, slept in his truck; semis, farm vehicles 'ruining' town roads

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A Norfolk Southern train, which had been sitting for a week on the tracks in Lagro blocking Indiana 524, was cleared Monday.

On Monday morning, Lagro clerk-treasurer Kristie Bone

posted a live video on the town's Facebook page about the "lovely train that has been on the tracks." That video had been shared nearly 500 times as of Tuesday morning.

"Why is that an issue?" You may ask. Because we have a viaduct. People can go underneath that," said Bone, on

the video. "Well, of course they can, but guess what? Those roads aren't made for the farm equipment that goes down them. It's not made for the semi-trucks that go down them. So it's ruining our roads. And we also have a township resident who this long train is blocking his driveway. So the man literally sleeps in his truck at night. How fair is that?"

In response to a Plain Dealer request Tuesday morning,

Bone said the train was finally gone after first arriving between noon and 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 2.

In the video, Bone said both Lagro fire chief Scott Siders and she had been contacting Norfolk Southern "several times a day."

"If you don't like this eyesore sitting here, because we don't like it," said Bone. "Granted, things happen, maybe a day or two. But seven days. OK,

let me tell you. When I called in, they told me they needed a crew. Because apparently nobody wants to work for the railroad nowadays. So I said, 'OK when do you think you can have a crew? Will it be days, weeks, hours, months?' They could not give me an answer. So, this is seven days. We don't want to keep seeing this on our track. Come and

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ISP Peru Post to remember local fallen officers



Plain Dealer file photos

Members of the ISP stand at attention during the memorial service for David Rich in 2017.

Annual ceremony to include honoring of memory of Master Trooper Det. David E. Rich

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post will conduct its annual memorial service to remember local fallen officers, including one who died almost 15 years ago in Wabash County.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 11 at 1451 N. Eel River Cemetery Road, Peru, said public information office Sgt. Tony Slocum.

The ceremony will be conducted in the front parking lot and should last approximately 25 minutes said ISP Peru Post commander Lieutenant

T.J. Zeiser.

Slocum said 47 ISP employees have died in the line of duty since the department was created in 1933, including four troopers from the ISP Peru District.

Sergeant Glen R. Hosier died April 26, 1971, of a gunshot wound he received while leading officers up the staircase of a Miami County home. "He was attempting to arrest a murder suspect," said Slocum.

Trooper Robert J. Lather II died July 6, 1982, in an au-



RICH



Connie Rich, wife of the late David Rich, thanks those who showed up for the memorial service in 2017.

tomobile crash on Highway 31 in Miami County. He was assisting the Howard County Sheriff's Department in pursuit of a traffic violator. "The violator drove his car into

Trooper Lather's police car," said Slocum.

Trooper Daniel R. Barrett died Jan. 27, 2008, while

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Manchester Symphony Orchestra offers 'Spaces' world premiere

Concertino was written by Conductor Debra Lynn for violist Derek Reeves

By **ANNE GREGORY**

The world premiere of Spaces will be Sunday, March 15 at Manchester University.

The concertino for viola with chamber orchestra and harp was written by Manchester Symphony Orchestra Conductor Debra Lynn for symphony guest artist Derek Reeves, vi-

olist. Each of the five movements is musical storytelling that evokes a particular space: a green room just off stage; a baseball stadium; a sanctuary; bird songs in an aviary; and an Irish pub.

The symphony concert is

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Derek Reeves is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and violist in the Freimann Quartet.

Provided photo



One-on-one with Garrison Keillor

Famed radio host, author performed Friday at the Honeywell Center

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Fans of the long-running radio program "A Prairie Home Companion" had a chance to visit their friends in the fictional town of Lake Wobegon last weekend at the Honeywell Center.

On Friday, famed radio host and author Garrison Keillor hosted "an evening of stories and poetry, some sung sonnets, a tribute to the pleasures of growing old and the 'News from Lake Wobegon,'" said Honeywell Arts & Entertainment public relations specialist Michele DeVenne.

Before his performance, though, Keillor took the time

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Manchester ranks high for scholarly impact

By ANNE GREGORY

Academic Influence, an online guide for prospective college students, ranked Manchester no. 4 in Indiana for the scholarly impact of its faculty and alumni. It is ranked behind Indiana’s behemoths, Notre Dame, IU and Purdue.

“I will continue to talk about the individual stories that add up to this kind of recognition,” said President Dave McFadden. “That is where the richness and quality of our contributions are best seen. Day in and day out, we are doing extraordinary things for our students and the world around us.”

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

IN BRIEF

Honeywell Center Themed Art Competition calls for entries on June 6

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will accept entries for the annual Themed Art Competition from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, June 6 at the Honeywell Center, according to a press release.

The competition is open to amateur and professional artists and features the theme “Upside Down.” Select entries will be on display from Thursday, June 9 through Monday, July 11 in the Clark Gallery located inside the Honeywell Center

This annual competition features a different theme each year. Any medium can be entered as long as the artwork depicts the theme. Entries can include paintings, photos, sculptures, textiles, etc. Guidelines are available at www.honeywellarts.org. Sponsorship for the Themed Art Competition is provided by the city of Wabash.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com.

Salamonie Preschool offers ‘W for Wildflowers’ on Wednesday, May 18

Salamonie Preschool’s “W is for Wildflowers” for children ages 2 to 5 will last from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 18 at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive naturalist Teresa Rody.






“Learn about and find some beautiful spring wildflowers that are growing here at Salamonie Lake,” said Rody. “Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler’s basic education including music, crafts, social interaction, and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme.”

The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated.

To register, call 260-468-2127.





For more information, visit [Facebook.com/UpperWabash](https://facebook.com/UpperWabash), <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Partly Cloudy 85 / 60	 Thursday Sunny 84 / 59	 Friday Mostly Sunny 83 / 62	 Saturday Scattered T-storms 82 / 63	 Sunday Scattered T-storms 77 / 56
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:46 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:31 a.m.

 Full 5/16	 Last 5/22	 New 5/30	 First 6/7
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 85°, humidity of 59%. Southeast wind 7 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 60°. East southeast wind 7 mph.

Downtown Wabash, GWC partner for Financial Literacy Workshop

STAFF REPORT

Downtown Wabash and Grow Wabash County (GWC) will co-host Women’s Entrepreneurial Opportunity Center (WEOC) program manager Rosalina Perez for a free, financial literacy workshop for small businesses, according to public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

“A Beginner’s Guide to Reading Financial Statements” will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 17 at 214 S. Wabash St.



PEREZ

“The 60-minute workshop will introduce small businesses to a new friend: Business financials. It is a beginner’s conversation about terminology, profit and loss statements, balance sheets and best practices,” said Ellis.

Perez comes from Fort Wayne and recently joined the Women’s Business Center in January. Her experi-

ence running a business began in January 2016 when she helped a Chicago-based attorney open his Immigration Law firm in Fort Wayne. There, she managed and helped grow the firm to 20 employees in Fort Wayne and Chicago.

To register, email andrea@downtownwabash.org or visit <https://downtownwabash.org/weoc-financial-workshop>.

For more information, visit downtownwabash.org, growwabashcounty.com or INWEOC.com.

Free Geri-Fit Program for Adults at YMCA

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the upcoming Free Geri-Fit Program for Adults in conjunction with Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services to be held at the YMCA, according to a press release.

This 12-week Geri-Fit Program invites older adults to participate in a 45-minute evidence-based strength training exercise class twice a week.

This program is free to the public. Non-members can register for this program which will be from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays

and Thursdays from Tuesday, June 7 through Tuesday, Aug. 25 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S Cass St.

Limited seating is available, and registration ends Tuesday, June 7.

If you have any questions or would like to register, email jbrown@wabashcountymca.org or call 260-563-9622.

To learn more about the Wabash County YMCA, visit www.wabashcountymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org.

Learn more about the Wabash County YMCA job offerings at www.wabashcountymca.org/jobs.

To make a tax-deductible donation to support the Y, visit www.wabashcountymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org.

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PLAY

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introduces a new set of people and events, making the show into a theatrical experience of exceptional range, compassionate humor and abundant humanity that audiences will enjoy.”

Board vice president Eric Seaman said the show “looks at how the dining room has changed in American culture, prominently with upper-middle-class families, through the 20th century.” “The Dining Room” was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1985. Gurney also wrote “Love Letters.”

Cast members, all playing multiple characters, are Gary Norman, Mike Barnett, Brian Coe, Cage DuBois, Keith Martin, Rafa Camaras, Lin Metzger, Isabelle Robinson, Cindy Rich, Molly Dazey and Angelina Funk. Madison Dazey is the stage manager.

“Gurney paints a compelling portrait of tradition struggling with social change against a backdrop of the universal longing for affection and comfort that binds families together,” said Seaman. “Audiences experience a full range of family situations – birthday parties, holidays, breakfasts, intergenerational squabbles, extramarital affairs – around the dining room table which serves as the hub of a civilized social universe that no longer holds. The series of vignettes that unfold around this table – some touching, some hilarious, some moving – all examine what it means to be a part of an American family, both past and present. The tone of this gentle comedy is at times ironic and elegiac, but it is also a joyous celebration of the people who gather together in this special place.”

Once these performances have concluded, Seaman said after more than 20 years, WACT will once again produce “one of the most celebrated musicals of all time” for its 2022 fall musical – “Guys and Dolls,” which has been scheduled for Sept. 23, 24 and 25 at the Honeywell Center’s Ford Theater.

These productions come after the WACT announced last year that after two decades of searching they finally have a place to call home as they signed paperwork to obtain the property at 1620 to 1640 S. Wabash St.

Seaman said this building will serve as a central location for the organization to not only store its assets but to have a creative space as well.

WACT annually produces at least three or four shows in Wabash, including a fall musical, a straight-play spring comedy and Christmas programming, as well as variety programming and “dinner-entertainment” opportunities.

Seaman said the South Wabash Street property is located near Nancy J’s Fabrics, B-K Root Beer and Kitchens Plus, just south of Shady Lane Drive. Upon the 0.63-acre plot of land are two structures that will be used to house their supplies and “create a legacy of perpetuity for WACT.”

Seaman said in total, the main building on the proper-



Provided photo

Cindy Rich, left, and Gary Norman, right, star in “The Dining Room.”


ty features 9,900 square feet of space. The property also features a 1,260-square-foot pole frame building, as well as a large parking lot.

Seaman said there aren’t any plans for WACT to create a performing arts center on the property due to existing amenities in the area.

Seaman said those who would like to support the project can do so by sending a check to Wabash Area Community Theater at P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992, with “Building” in the memo line. For those who would like to give online, a GoFundMe page titled “WACT Building Fundraiser” has also been created for the project. It can be found on the Wabash Area Community Theater Facebook page or by searching on www.gofundme.com.

Those who are interested in making a gift, but would like more information, may contact Vanderpool by email at vanderpob@yahoo.com or call 765-661-8206; or contact Board Member Beth Miller by email at beth@wabashmillers.com or by calling 260-568-1128.

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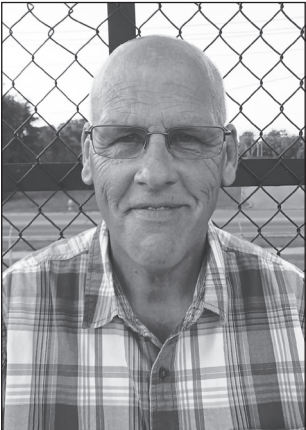
John M. Weaver

June 20, 1953 – May 7, 2022

John M. Weaver, 68, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:45 pm, Saturday, May 7, 2022 in Wabash. He was born on June 20, 1953, in Baroda, Michigan, to Maynard and Louise (Troxell) Weaver.

John was a 1971 graduate of Southwood High School. He married Deborah Ann Forbes in Wabash, on December 11, 1971; she died December 29, 2013. John worked at Ford Meter Box, the Wabash Sheriff Department five years, Farm Bureau Insurance Claims Department for 30 years, TTG/Harper in Swayzee, and sold Pioneer seed corn several years. He was a member of the FOP, and a member and former chief of the LaFontaine and Liberty Township Fire Department. John helped farmers all of his life, and enjoyed helping people.

He is survived by three children, Brad (Keri) Weaver of Rochester, Indiana, Bryan (Jennifer) Weaver of LaFontaine, Indiana, and Amy (Pete) Norris of Auburn, Indiana; eight grandchildren, Dylan Weaver, Elizabeth Weaver, Landon Weaver, Elley Weaver, Sawyer Weaver, Emma Norris, Carter Norris, and Hadley Norris; special friend, Diana Kellam of Wabash; brother and sisters, Robert (Kim) Weaver of LaFontaine,



Debbie (Norman) Lavengood of Greentown, Indiana, and Judy (Jason) Jones of Greensburg, Indiana; mother-in-law, Marilyn Forbes of North Manchester, and sister-in-law, Karen (Walt) Larr of Markle, Indiana. He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Friday, May 13, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brad Wright officiating. Burial will be in LaFontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may call 2-8 pm Thursday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are Wabash County Cancer Society or LaFontaine Christian Church.

The memorial guest book for John may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Allen Owen

Nov. 11, 1938 – April 29, 2022

On April 29th, our beloved dad, Allen Owen, suddenly passed away at his home in Sun City West, AZ. He was preceded in death by his wife Raejean of 39 years. He was a Tool & Die maker at General Motors in Marion, Indiana for 42 years. He was involved in the UAW for several years and known as ‘Big Al’. They moved from Converse, Indiana to Arizona after his retirement.

He was also preceded in death by his parents Milburn and Louise Owen, his brother David Owen, stepsons Bruce & David Sprinkle, stepson in law Gene Kirkwood and step grandchildren Jon and Ginger Leisure. He is survived by his son Brad (Joni) Owen of Chesterton, Indiana, his daughter Cathy (Ken Gagne) Owen of Grayslake, Illinois. Stepdaughters Tonya (Sis) Kirkwood of Marion, Indiana, Jodi (Tom) Leisure of Tennessee & Beth Ann (Rick) Miller of California. Stepsons Mike (Cindy) Sprinkle of Cave Creek, Arizona, Brent Sprinkle of Texas & Mark Sprinkle

of California. Sister-in-law Carol Owen, nephew Mike (Diane) Owen & nieces Amy & Jill Owen of Indiana as well as several great nephews and great nieces.

He leaves behind his grandson Bradley Owen, Jr of Chesterton, Indiana. Step grandchildren Jason Kirkwood, Heath (Christy) Sprinkle, Shawn (Doug) Blackburn, Brooke (Doug) Denham, Michael (Britany) Sprinkle Jr., Josh (Kelly) Sprinkle, Michelle (Tony) Harden, Jessica (Dave) Aceves, Tonya (David) Pryse, Brent Sprinkle, Jr. and several step great & great great grandchildren.

He will be missed by his best buddy, Barry Hall of Peru, Indiana as well as the many friends at the Mississinewa Reservoir where he and Raejean spent many years camping.

A private family memorial will be planned later in Arizona. In lieu of flowers, feel free to make donation to the Sun City West Poses, 20450 N. Stardust Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375.

Cynthia K. Harlow

Cynthia K. Harlow, 67, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on May 6, 2022.

There will be a Memorial Service held at a later date to be announced at The

Lord’s Fellowship Church 51 Hay Street Peru, Indiana 46970

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

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to register for to get in on the fun, including becoming a Hole Sponsor (\$125) which allows the sponsor to set up a hole on the course with their booth or activity to promote their business and connect with the golfers that come through. To register for the 2022 WACCY Golf Outing or to find out more about the various sponsorship opportunities for this event, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/waccy2022 or contact Grow Wabash County by email at marketing@growwabashcounty.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Downtown Wabash Farmers Market returns for its 15th season on Saturday, May 14

Downtown Wabash is now seeking vendors to register for the market’s 15th season. The 2022 Downtown Wabash Farmers Market will run every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon May 14 through Sept. 24 at 275 W. Market St. Vendor registration is available in drop-in, half-season

and full-season schedules. Drop-in registration is \$15 per weekend. Half-season registration is \$115 for 10 weeks, from May 14 through July 16; and from July 23 through Sept. 24. Full-season registration is \$200 for 20 weeks from May 14 through Sept. 24. To register for this year’s market, visit Downtown Wabash.org/vendor, email carly@downtownwabash.org or call 260-563-0975.

Twelve Mile ‘Swing Into Spring’ Craft Show planned

A “Swing Intro Spring” Craft Show has been planned from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at the Twelve Mile Community Building, 7913 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile. All artisan, craft and vendors will be available. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the Firehouse Cafe, 8060 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile.

Wabash First Church of God celebrating its 100th anniversary with a concert Sunday

This year, Wabash First Church of God is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and the

first event to mark this occasion will be a concert by Jerry Garcia, a southern gospel recording artist from Adrian, Michigan. He will perform at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 15 at the First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge but seating is limited. A “love offering” will be received for JLG Ministries. Following the concert, there will be a carry-in dinner at the REMC conference room. Meat, drinks and tableware will be furnished. For more information, call 260-563-5346.

Local business property taxes are due

All business tangible personal property tax returns must be filed in the Wabash County Assessor’s Office by Monday, May 16. Every person – including any firm, company, farmer or individual owning, holding, possessing or controlling tangible personal property as of Jan. 1 of any year – is required to file a personal property tax return each year. Businesses that have equipment that costs under \$80,000 are still required to file the business tangible personal property tax return, however, they will be exempt from paying

taxes. Failure to file for the exempt amount will result in a \$25 penalty. Penalties will be applied after Monday, May 16 for late filings. For more information, call 260-563-0661, ext. 1227 or ext. 293.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Class for the second meeting time will be held Tuesday, May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Tractor Supply Company hosting ‘Try Before You Buy’ event

Tractor Supply Company is hosting its annual Try Before You Buy event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at 1495 North Cass St. This event is open to the public. For more information,

Film props at auction

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

It may not be that Marilyn Monroe dress, but several gowns she donned for “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes” and “There’s No Business Like Show Business” are going up for auction this summer along with 1,400 other pieces of Hollywood history.

Over three days in July, Turner Classic Movies and Julien’s Auctions are teaming up to auction off items like Captain America’s shield from “Captain America: The First Avenger,” a two-piece Givenchy

ensemble worn by Audrey Hepburn as Holly Golightly in “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” and Jules Winnfield’s “bad mother (expletive)” wallet from “Pulp Fiction,” the organizations said Tuesday. One of the six original Stormtrooper helmets from “Star Wars: A New Hope” is among the items being auctioned off. A variety of props used in the Harry Potter films, like Draco Malfoy’s “Nimbus 2001” broomstick and Voldemort’s Elder Wand, are also up for bidding, as is the hammer used by Chris Hemsworth in “Thor: The Dark World.”

TRAIN

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unhook it. Spread it apart. Get a crew in here. Do what you’ve got to do. But come on.”

In addition, Bone said she had contacted the office of Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana.

“They are working on it some,” said Bone. “And we’ve even called in a few contacts that don’t even live in town to help us with their contacts as favors.”

On Tuesday, Bone said they had also been in contact with the office of Gov. Eric Holcomb and “was told it’s not a state (issue and to) call someone on the federal level.”

Bone said they hadn’t received a response from Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, but that both the offices of Walorski and Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, were “very interested in helping to get this train off the track.”

Bone said she also spoke with Surface Transportation Board Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs & Compliance attorney and adviser Gabriel S. Meyer who “was extremely helpful.”

On Tuesday morning, clerk MaryAnn Bever said this was “not something that involves the Wabash County Highway Department.”

“State Road 524 is maintained by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). All streets in Lagro are maintained by the town of Lagro,” said Bever. “You will need to contact those agencies for any information on this matter.”

Also on Tuesday morning, INDOT public relations manager Hunter Petroviak said they had no involvement.

“Unfortunately you will have to contact Norfolk Southern directly for any information on that,” said Petroviak.

On Tuesday afternoon, Norfolk Southern media relations manager Connor Spielmaker

said the train had been “tied down due to congestion to the west, and then the issue was made worse by staffing challenges.”

“We’ve issued information to our crews to pay special attention to keeping this crossing open to avoid this happening again,” said Spielmaker. “We never want to inconvenience a community with a stopped train. We’re working every day to improve our service and reducing these extended, abnormal delays. We make every effort to minimize these impacts, keep crossings open and keeping trains moving safely.”

Bone said Wabash Mayor Scott Long “came to see if I needed any help making calls or making connections.”

“Granted, we’re a small town. But our small town relies on Highway 524. And if I was the Highway Department I’d be a little bit upset myself,” said Bone, in the video.

In the video, the camera pans over to a small blue sign near the trains with the phone number to call to report problems.

“Call this number. Blow up their phones. Make this video go viral. We are the people and we the people have a voice. Make your voice heard. We are tired of having this train stuck on our track in Roann, Indiana,” said Bone, in the video, her voice rising. “Hopefully their either going to listen to our voices or they’re just going to ignore us. At least we can’t say we didn’t try. We’ve tried everything. If this doesn’t work, then I guess we’re just stuck with it and we’re all going to start planting flowers around it.”

Bone said nothing like this has ever happened before.

Bone said she could not comment at this time as to whether the town would take legal action.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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Manchester offers robotics, coding summer camps for children

Manchester University sponsors summer camps at the North Manchester campus that are available to students in specific grades. Coding Day Camp is 9 a.m. to noon

Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17 for students entering seventh through ninth grades. The cost is \$99. The registration deadline is Friday, May 27. Robotics Day Camp is 9 a.m. to noon Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 for students entering sixth through eighth grades. The cost is \$99. The registration deadline is Friday, June 3. To register, visit the Summer Camps For Kids link at www.meetatmanchester.com.

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WABASH, NORTHFIELD, SOUTHWOOD, MANCHESTER COMPETE AT TRACK MEET



In the boys eighth grade high jump Wabash's Bobby Shull took third place with an effort of 4 feet 8 inches. The Wabash eighth would place third in overall team points with 112. For the eighth grade boys, Southwood came in first with 130 points, Manchester came in second with 122 points, Wabash came in third with 112 points and Northfield came in fourth with 69 points.



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Apache rising star Ezra Church competes in the boys seventh grade 800 meter run. Church won the event recording a time of 2 minutes and 39 seconds. He would also take top honors in the 1600 meter run in a time of 5 minutes 37.29 seconds. The Wabash boys seventh grade dominated their county rivals amassing 171 points on the day. For the seventh grade boys, Wabash came in first with 171 points, Northfield came in second with 98 points, Manchester came in third with 94 points and Southwood came in fourth with 82 points.

Northfield's Mikayla Meyer leaps towards glory as she rounds the turn in the girls 200 meter hurdles. Meyer won the 200 in a time of 38.19 seconds. She would also record a victory in the 100 meter hurdles in a time of 21.06 seconds. The Northfield seventh graders would defeat their county foes with a winning total of 134 points overall. For the seventh grade girls, Northfield came in first with 134 points, Southwood came in second with 94 points, Manchester came in third with 93 points and Wabash came in fourth with 77 points. For the eighth grade girls, Wabash came in first with 122 points, Manchester came in second with 102 points, Southwood came in third with 97 points and Northfield came in fourth with 61 points.



Manchester's Bouwens named HCAC Female Track Athlete of the Week

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University junior hurdler Brooke Bouwens has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Female Track Athlete of the Week, the league announced on Monday, May 9. Bouwens, from Clarksville, Michigan, and Lakewood High School, highlighted the Manchester University women's track and field team's efforts at the Indiana University Billy Hayes



BOUWENS

Invitational on a Friday, May 6 as she posted a career-best time of 1:06.47 in the 400m hurdles — good enough for fourth all-time in the Manchester record books. Bouwens would place third overall in the field on Friday.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Sarah Fisher selected as Indy 500 celebrity pace car driver

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Sarah Fisher is getting a promotion for this month's Indianapolis 500. Race organizers announced Tuesday they selected the IndyCar veteran and local fan favorite to be the celebrity pace car driver for the May 29 race. Fisher has been the regular pace-car driver for series events at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for years. This time, though, she won't be taking a handoff when a non-racing celebrity pulls off the historic 2.5-mile oval. She'll be driving the entire time. "Normally, I'm by myself watching the start of the race and the celebrity driver can see me down in turn one, dressed in my gear, so it will be different in that sense," Fisher said. She will be driving a white 670-horsepower Chevrolet Corvette ZO6, special 70th-anniversary edition, the automobile manufacturer also announced Tuesday.

Fisher started nine Indianapolis 500s, the most by any woman, and was the first female to win an IndyCar pole. The Ohio native also remains the fastest female qualifier for the 500 with a four-lap average of 229.439 mph in 2002. Normally, Fisher helps coach the celebrity driver. But this time she'll only have to worry about getting herself up to speed for race day. "I won't have to go out on yellows half-buckled in," she joked. "It's a job to pace the field, not race. The job is to make sure the start is a good start and that fans have a great view of the start of the race." Qualifying for the 500 will be held May 21-22. Practice opens May 17. The series returns to action with Saturday's Indy Grand Prix on the speedway's road course, and race organizers are scheduled to announce the pace car driver for that race later this week.

SOUTHWOOD VARSITY BASEBALL DEFEATS NORTH MIAMI 7-6

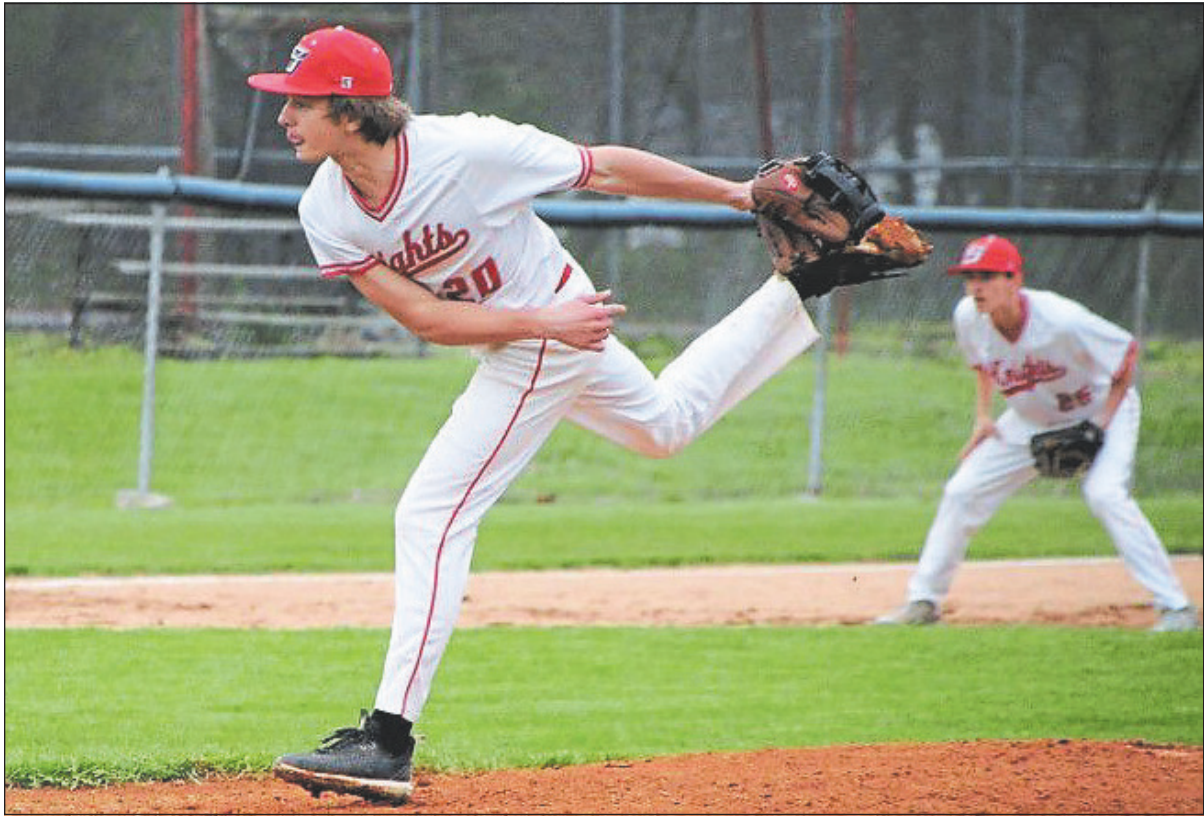


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Sophomore Blayne Hamilton tossed a two-hitter thru six innings as the Southwood Knights overcame a North Miami run in the seventh to take the day from the Warriors 7-6 on Wednesday, May 4 at SHS. Leading the Knights at the plate were Jaret Denney going 2-3 with 4 RBIs, followed by Joey Bland hitting 2-3 with 2 RBIs. Denney also picked up the save for Southwood.

NIL expert predicts \$50,000 minimum pay for Power 5 players

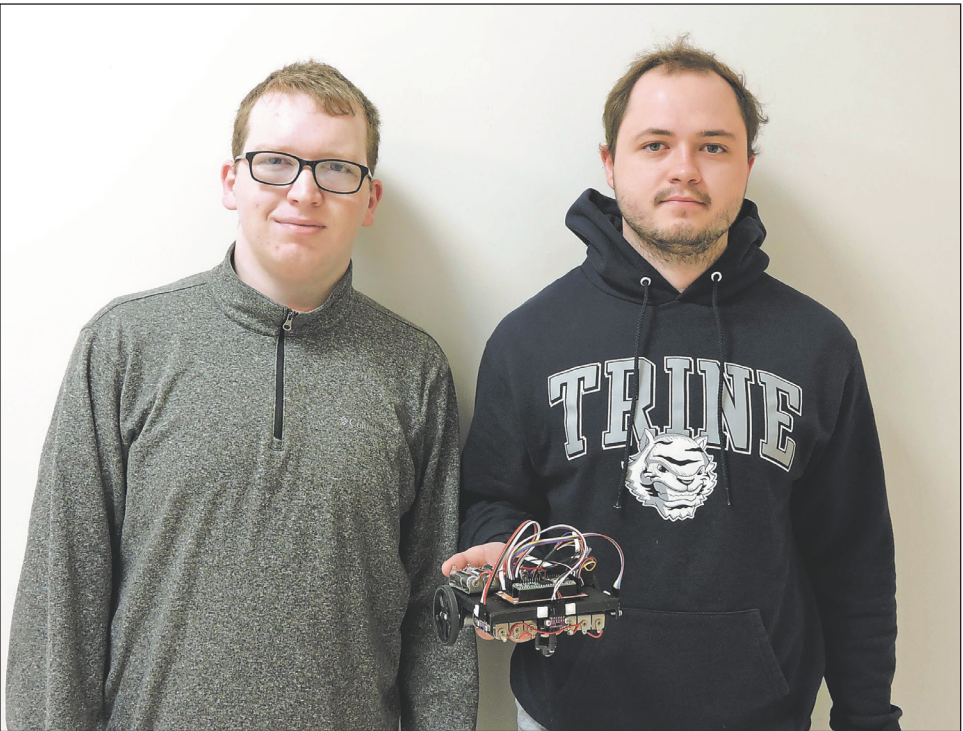
By ERIC OLSON
Associated Press

Football and men's basketball players on scholarship in one of the major conferences can expect to soon earn a minimum of \$50,000 each year he plays because of the influx of cash from so-called booster collectives brokering name, image and likeness deals. That prediction, based on market trends, was made this week by Blake Lawrence, co-founder and CEO of a company that helps athletes and schools navigate the ever-changing NIL landscape.

The increasing dollar amounts available to college athletes through the recent formation of collectives has drawn the attention of the NCAA, which this week released guidance for schools in the hopes of maintaining the original intent of NIL compensation. College sports leaders are concerned some collectives have gone beyond paying athletes for activities such as endorsements and appearances and breaking the pay-for-play ban by offering cash to influence athletes' decisions on where to go to school. NCAA rules pro-

hibit boosters from making contact with prospective recruits. Lawrence co-founded Opendorse in 2012 to facilitate endorsement deals for professional athletes. The former Nebraska football player was among the advisers who worked with the NCAA on forming NIL policy, and he expanded his company to bring opportunities to college athletes to cash in on their fame and developed compliance technology that allows schools to keep track of the deals. Lawrence based his \$50,000-a-year per player minimum on the assump-

tion booster collectives are directing about \$5 million annually into NIL pools and that some of the money will go to athletes in other sports. There are collectives supporting NIL at more than half of the 65 Power Five schools, including Notre Dame, and more are forming. Michael LeRoy, a University of Illinois labor law professor who researches college athlete compensation, said Lawrence's projection is spot on. "It's an overheated market," LeRoy said, "and it really reflects the pent-up



From left, Trine University electrical engineering major Nick Rogge of Plymouth, and software engineering major Brayton Niccum of Wabash, with the university's winning "Micromouse" robot. Team member Spencer Seim, of North Hope, is not pictured.

Trine creations excel at National Robotics Challenge

Software engineering major Brayton Niccum, of Wabash, part of the winning 'Micromouse' team

STAFF REPORT

One was a gladiator, the other a mouse. Both were winners.

Two robots created by Trine University engineering teams took first place in their respective competitions at the 2022 National Robotics Challenge, held April 7 to 9 in Marion, Ohio.

Trine's combat robot team won the "beetleweight" division for machines weighing 3 pounds or less, defeating challengers from six schools including the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Case Western Reserve University and the University of Indianapolis.

Another Trine team took first place out of 10 college and university entries in the Micromouse contest, where robots were designed to be the first to reach the center of a maze.

The Trine combat robot won all six matches it competed in over two days, with only one match going to a judges' decision. Team members were mechanical engineering seniors Connor Brentlinger, of Granger; Dylan Keating, of Decatur; Daniel Shivley, of Churubusco; and Alex Walters, of Mishawaka, Indiana.

The Trine design, dubbed "Determind," was the spinner that encapsulated the entire



From left, Joe Thompson II, laboratory manager and instructor; mechanical engineering majors Dylan Keating, of Decatur, Connor Brentlinger, of Granger; Daniel Shivley, of Churubusco; and Alex Walters, of Mishawaka; and John Liu, Ph.D., assistant professor of mechanical engineering, pose with Trine University's winning combat robot, "Determind."

robot. It was made almost entirely out of polycarbonate, allowing it to absorb impacts without being permanently deformed.

"This design because has the potential of outputting a lot of power. At the same time, it didn't have a weak spot," said Brentlinger. "This combo gave us an advantage against most other robots."

Brentlinger said the team worked for multiple hours "just about every day," designing the robot with no other guidance than the competition rules.

"We went through many iterations of the weapon," he said. "Since it is the part of the robot that absorbs all the impact, it was the most difficult to design."

Trine "Micromouse" team members were software engineering major Brayton Niccum, of Wabash; electri-

cal engineering major Nick Rogge, of Plymouth; and software engineering Spencer Seim, of North Hope.

Micromouse team members said they were attracted to the competition because the technology has applications to self-driving cars. They began their design by examining the constraints of the competition and used those parameters to determine the size of the motor and the speed of the mouse's sensors and microcontroller.

"If there was any sort of intersection or an opening, the sensors would be able to detect it and make a decision," Niccum said. "If there was more than one, we had it generate a random number to choose a direction. This got us into dead ends a lot, but we didn't have time to do anything more complicated."

Manchester's Arnold and Kibler earn All-HCAC tennis honors

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced the 2022 Men's Tennis All-Conference and major award winners on Tuesday, May 3. A pair of Spartans were honored by the league office this year.

Both Austin Arnold, from Coatesville and South Putnam High School, and Andrew Kibler, from Cape Coral, Florida, and Mariner High School, earned Honorable



Mention All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference honors.

Arnold and Kibler both earned a trio of singles victories this season. Arnold competed primarily at no.

2 singles while Kibler saw most of his action at the no. 3 singles flight. In doubles action, Arnold won three matches at the no. 1 position while Kibler chipped in a pair of victories, also at the no. 1 doubles flight.

The Black and Gold geared up for their Opening Round match of the HCAC Tournament on Wednesday, May 4 at Anderson.

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demand to pay players."

Lawrence said a top, five-star recruit could have NIL earning potential of more than \$1 million per year when money coming from sources outside the booster collective is considered, especially if he is a quarterback. Four-star recruits could earn well into the six figures.

But even a lower-ranked recruit at a less glamorous position would be well-compensated — the \$50,000 earner — because the booster collective will make sure of it to keep peace on the team, Lawrence said.

"If an entire class arrives to campus and they are all scholarship athletes and one

individual is earning six figures and another is earning zero dollars, that is going to create a rift," Lawrence said. "What these groups have done in certain markets is realize it's about equality. Each individual in this locker room will receive some sort of support so there is equality at a base layer. And there may be additional value for the most marketable and influential individuals in each recruiting class."

How long booster collectives choose to fund NIL opportunities is debatable.

Jason Belzer, an attorney and founder of Student-Athlete NIL, which has worked with Penn State and Rutgers to set up collectives, said establishing fair market value for athletes is a moving target

and that it is critical for the athletes getting paid to provide real services in return.

Belzer used the example of each SEC school having a collective with \$10 million a year going to football players. He said members of the collective supporting the last-place team could become disenchanted and regret funding NIL.

"They're gonna say, 'Well, I'm not putting money in anymore, because my investment didn't provide any return whatsoever. I didn't get my name on a building. I didn't get access to anything otherwise. And wait a second. Now I don't want this coach anymore, but I just gave all my money to the student-athletes, I can't even pay to buy the guy out,'" Belzer said.



Playing its final two games of the 2022 season, the Manchester University baseball team took a moment to honor its senior class on Saturday, May 7.

Spartans honor senior class on Saturday against Earlham

The seniors played a large role in the games, helping the Spartans to a doubleheader split

By DILLON BENDER

Playing its final two games of the 2022 season, the Manchester University baseball team took a moment to honor its senior class on Saturday, May 7. The Black and Gold hosted the visiting Earlham College Quakers at Gratz Field, and after Saturday's doubleheader, honored its senior class of Andy Ayers, Paul Barrow, Tyler Colpitts, Carter Hooks, Austin Kresl, Andrew Magurany, Patrick Masters, Ryan Mueller, Gage Sandlin, Zach Speicher, Zach

Thomas and Zach White with an on-field ceremony.

The seniors played a large role in Saturday's action, helping the Spartans to a doubleheader split. Manchester took the opener 3-1 while Earlham won Game 2 12-3.

The senior pitching trio of Carter Hooks, Austin Kresl, and Zach White paved the way for a 3-1 victory in Saturday's opener. Hooks improved to 5-5 on the mound this season after allowing just a pair of hits in five innings of work. He struck out five Quakers. Kresl struck out six in 3 and 1/3 innings in relief, while White earned his first save of the season after coming in with a pair of runners on in the ninth inning. White was able to secure the final two outs to help the Spartans earn the 3-1 victory.

White, from Logansport, also came up clutch with the bat as his two-run single in the bottom of the 3rd inning gave Manchester an early lead. White finished 2-4 at the plate in the opener.

Cole Filson, from Plymouth, also added an RBI single for the Black and Gold.

In the second game of the day, Paul Barrow, from Bloomington and Bloomington North High School, and Patrick Masters, from Macy and North Miami High School, hit RBI singles. Masters would go 2-4 with a run scored and two stolen bases in Game 2.

Mitchell Baker, from Plainfield, also had an RBI single in the second game of the day.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester's Carr and Smith earn HCAC softball honors

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced the 2022 Softball All-Conference and major award winners on Wednesday, May 4. A pair of Spartans were honored by the league office this spring.

First-year Kaitlyn Carr, from Valparaiso and Chesterton High School, earned First Team All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference honors after a terrific rookie campaign this spring. Carr started all 36 games that she appeared in this season. Doubling as an infielder and pitcher for the Black and Gold, Carr



hit .333 (37-111) with four doubles, one triple, and 12 RBI. Her 37 hits led Manchester. In the pitcher's circle, Carr made 17 appearances and nine starts. She led the Black and Gold with a 2.72 earned run average while striking out a team-best 32 batters. She posted a 6-5 mark, threw 67 innings, had six complete games, and earned a save this year.

Also earning recognition

from HCAC was senior Lizzie Smith, from Indianapolis and Franklin Central High School. Smith earned Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors this spring. Smith also split time as an infielder and pitcher. She started in 31 of the 32 games she played during her final season in a Black and Gold uniform. Smith hit a career-best .330 (29-88) with three doubles and 19 RBI. Her 19 RBI were tied for the team lead in 2022. As a pitcher, Smith threw 66 innings and five complete games. She finished with 26 strikeouts.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Andretti receives direction on how to proceed with F1 bid

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Michael Andretti walked through the Formula One paddock quite literally going door-to-door. He wants into the most exclusive club in motorsports and figured pleading his case to the current team bosses was his best shot.

Andretti carried with him a white Miami Dolphins folder — he said he borrowed it from the promoters of the inaugural Miami Grand Prix last weekend — and inside was a piece of paper asking the 10 current F1 team leaders to support the addition of Andretti Global to the grid.

By the time he made it to the end of the paddock, Andretti's chances seemed grim. He left his conversation with Red Bull principal Christian Horner — held in the outdoor, open area of Red Bull hospitality — with only two signatures. Horner did not sign.

Andretti didn't even bother going next door to Mercedes, where boss Toto Wolff has not wavered in his opposition to adding teams because he believes that would dilute profits for those on the grid.

Andretti was discouraged but not defeated. By the time Sunday's race began, he felt a lot better about his chances of returning the Andretti

name to F1.

Andretti told The Associated Press he had an encouraging meeting with F1 CEO Stefano Domenicali. He said the same thing to new FIA president Mohammed Ben Sulayem when they spoke before the race.

"We finally have some direction," Andretti told AP. "It's the first time we've been given any direction on how to make this happen."

Just when it seemed that Andretti had no shot at cracking the country club — there's a \$200 million buy-in fee — he was given hope. It had to have been encouraging that Sulayem, who was elected head of F1's governing body in December, not only recognized Andretti but stopped to lean into his ear for an exchange in which Sulayem did most of the talking.

The Andretti effort to field an American team was the talk of F1's first-ever race in Miami. The North American market has at last embraced the series — Sunday's race on ABC was the most-watched live F1 race in U.S. history — and Andretti wants to expand the famed racing name.

Mario Andretti, Michael's father, is the 1978 F1 champion and one of the greatest drivers in motorsports history. But there has not been an American driver in F1 since Alexander Rossi in 2015. The only current American

team is Haas F1, which is owned by California businessman Gene Haas, partially headquartered in North Carolina but does not employ any American drivers.

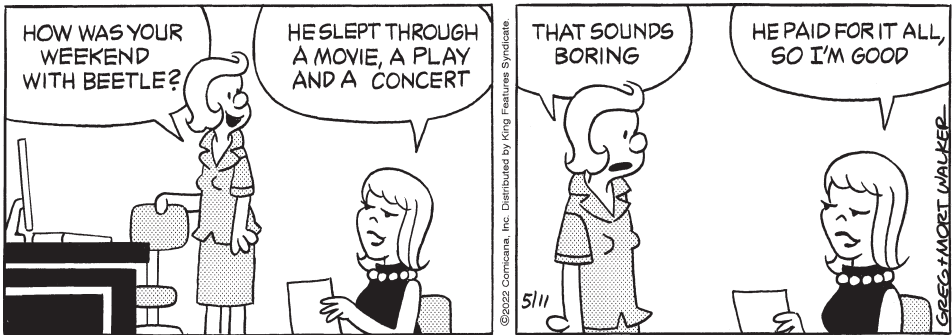
Michael Andretti, who spent the 1993 season commuting back and forth from the U.S. to Europe to drive for McLaren in F1, wants to put IndyCar driver Colton Herta of California in his seat.

Andretti maintains he's committed to a true effort, and argues an American team with an American driver can only add to F1's financial worth. He figures Andretti's involvement will help all existing teams court North American sponsorship.

Wolff has yet to see any benefit to expanding the grid to anyone and estimates F1's current successful teams have "put more than a billion into the Formula 1 projects over the years."

"We have 10 entries today, we divide the prize fund among those 10 entries," Wolff said. "If a team comes in, how can you demonstrate that you're bringing in more money than it's actually costing? The 11th team means a 10 percent dilution for everybody else. So, if one is able to demonstrate that, then we should all be sitting on the table and cheer for such an entry. But that hasn't been demonstrated yet."

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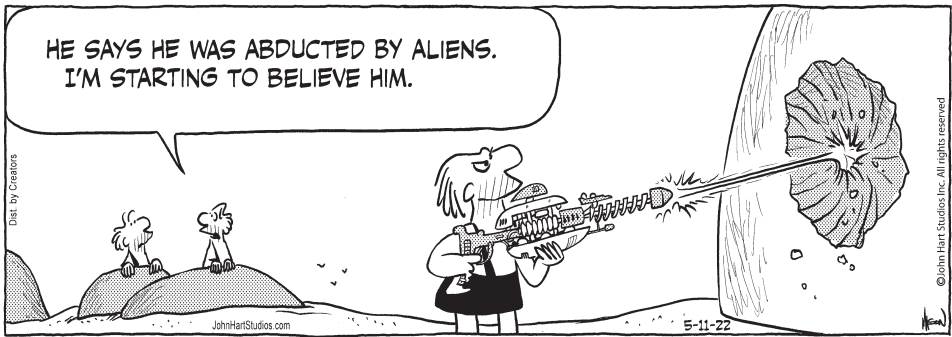
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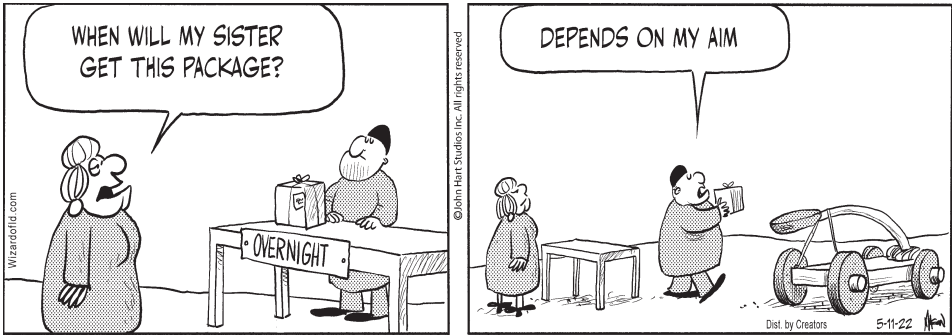
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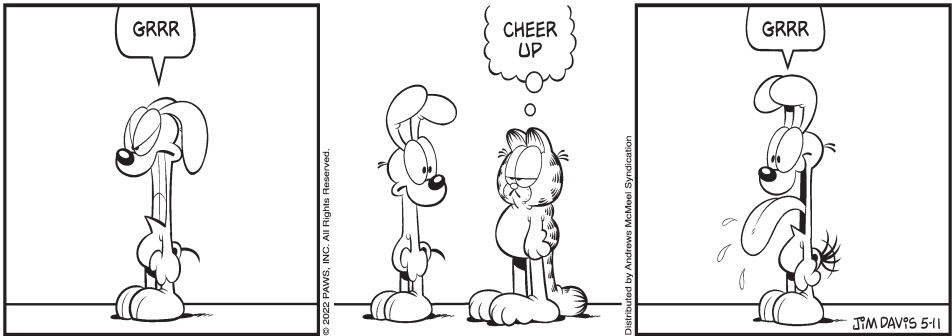
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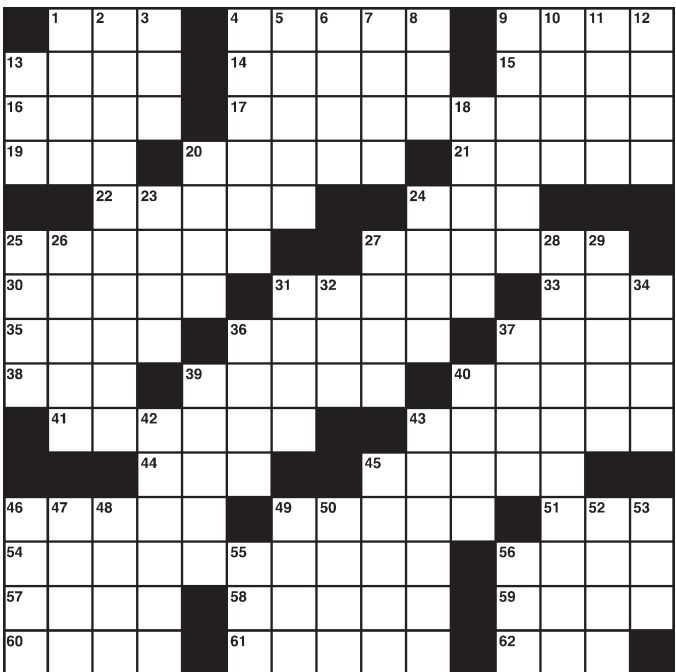
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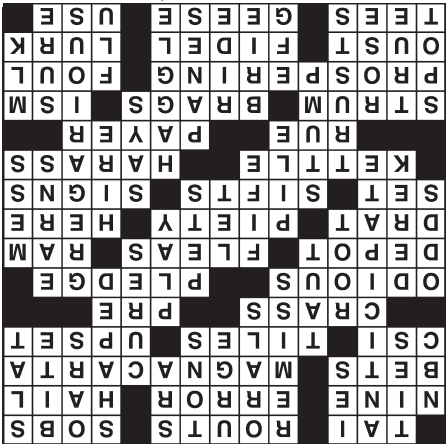
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Today's Puzzle Solved



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Mom wants to keep news of first child a secret

Dear Amy: Fifty-five years ago, when I was young and stupid, I had a child out of wedlock and placed the baby up for adoption.

Fast-forward to now. I am married to a different man and have a 48-year-old daughter and a 38-year-old son. I have two grandchildren. My husband knows about my indiscretion, but it never comes up in discussion.

Sometimes I struggle with the question: Do my adult children have the right to know that they have a half-brother somewhere? My gut tells me no: "Let a sleeping

dog lie." "Why open up a can of worms?"

I know my husband would definitely be against telling our kids about this. We are elderly people and just want to live peaceful lives.

I'm wondering what you think. — Wondering

Dear Wondering: As long as you see this long-ago pregnancy only as a mistake, an indiscretion, or something that resulted from your own stupidity, you won't have any motivation to tell the story.

And as long as you see this truth as a "sleeping dog" or a "can of worms," rather than a story about actual human beings, then yes, you

will keep a tight lid on it.

I cannot answer your question for you. Yes, I do believe your children have the right to know about a sibling. Not knowing anything about you — or them — I'd like to think that your children might be shocked but would ultimately be very understanding about this long-ago choice.

The child you gave birth to might also be searching for his own biological relatives.

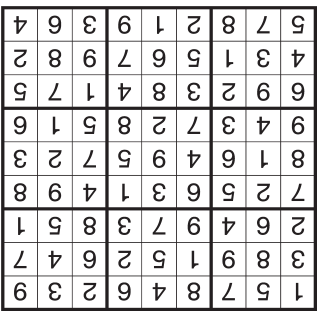
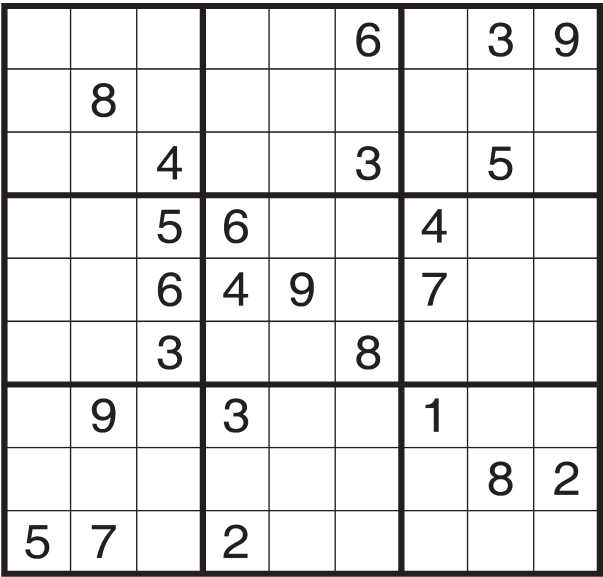
Yes, you have the legal right to deny him this knowledge, but — should you?

I do know this: The ubiquity of household DNA testing kits is forcing a lot of stories like yours out into the open. A simple dab of spit can reveal all.



AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): — Improve situations by being pleasant and reliable. Don't be distracted from your goals by a passing flirtation. Don't do anything at the spur of the moment that could derail a longstanding business decision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): — A decision made in tandem with a partner can result in far-reaching improvements and beneficial results. This is a good time to follow the guidance and suggestions of a friend or other well-wisher.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): — Although you appreciate financial prudence, you may hope that a generous gift may win someone's favor. Instead, up your self-validation game. You can be reassuring without offering false hopes or giving the wrong impression.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): — You may be determined to be businesslike but remember that the focus should be on teamwork and cooperation. A loved one may admire your cleverness but wants to be by your side to have some fun, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): — Take the time to help someone get projects off the ground. People are likely to cheerfully cooperate with suggestions and take their cue from a dynamic example. Get agreements in writing to avoid any confusion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): — Restore harmony within an important relationship. You can repair a rift with an apology or a thoughtful action. No one's fault, but when someone has many clashes to your birth chart, they're probably unable to appreciate you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): — When basic needs are met, happiness has a much better chance. There may be an increase of your net worth especially if you are self-employed. This could be a good time to lock in a permanent financial plan.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): — Don't just wish upon a star, use the stars. Your desires for true love or more money can materialize when you are working hard, are dedicated to your commitments, and are using your personal right timing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): — View the future through the lens of possibilities. When you consciously visualize something, that is the beginning of manifesting it. Your good luck may seem to be more than coincidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): — There is probably no stopping you when you have the expertise and enthusiasm to do a good job. Use excellent judgment to create more security and stability in your life. New friends can lead you in the right direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): — Value yourself and you can value others. Flexibility and a willingness to compromise can be the keys that unlock your success. You could be at the right place at the right time to take advantage of opportunities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): — Hand out olive branches when necessary. You possess the good judgment to avoid risky investments or business commitments. Remain upbeat and supportive, and you may be chosen as a leader by your peers.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

Overturning Roe would be tragic for women – and the nation

At its best, America is a nation where individuals come together to secure rights for all. That ideal suffered a severe blow on Monday when Politico published a report on a draft U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe. v. Wade, which in 1973 made abortion a constitutional right.

The document sent shock waves across the country, and for legitimate reason. Not only did it threaten to strip away the rights and dignity of women, it also, by upending decades of settled law, raised fears about what other constitutional rights might be next to fall at the hand of this far-right court. Civil rights laws? The use of contraception? Any other rights people have long relied on over time, but that the current majority of justices happens not to like?

If conservatives have been coming after elementary books that mention "gay" to get votes and advance politically, what will stop them from reversing the 2015 decision to legalize same-sex marriage? That's only one scenario to fear.

As President Joe Biden said, the ruling – if it becomes final – will undermine protections on personal privacy, including who someone can marry or whether to conceive a child. Biden is correct when he says the "stability of our law" requires the high court not overrule Roe, which has been in place almost 50 years.

The document is a draft ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, a case challenging a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Supreme Court precedents have set it at viability outside the womb, which is around 24 weeks.

Yes, there have been times in the court's past

when a draft by persuasive and dissenting justices became the majority opinion. That could happen here before the official ruling is handed down. But the mocking tone of this draft suggests that is unlikely to happen this time. Moreover, the draft reflects what many observers had expected to see in the final decision.

If Roe and the related case, Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey, are overturned, it will be up to the states to decide abortion policy. In Illinois, anyone would have a right to an abortion under a 2019 law. But 13 states already have laws in place that would promptly ban abortion should Roe be overturned. Twenty-six other states are poised to do so, according to Planned Parenthood.

The pain will be real. Women of lesser means living in those states will find it hard, if not impossible, to get abortions. The medical horror stories of self-induced abortions, thought to be consigned to the past, will return. Lives will be shattered – or lost. Women could face criminal prosecution for obtaining abortions.

Yet women with more resources will – as they always have, even before Roe – be able to travel to gain access to safe reproductive treatment.

Traditionally, the Supreme Court adheres to the concept of stare decisis, which calls for courts to follow historical decisions by the court when deciding a new case that is similar. At times, the court has not followed stare decisis when it is abundantly evident an earlier case was wrongly decided. The best known example is 1954's Brown v. Board of Education, which reversed Plessy v. Ferguson's "separate but equal" doctrine.

By being so willing to

overturn long-standing case law, such as Roe, Citizens United and Janus v. AFSCME, which upended decades of settled labor law, this court has sparked fears about what else it might overturn, including Brown.

The statements of sitting justices during the confirmation process are of little reassurance. Justice Brett Kavanaugh described Roe as "settled as precedent" and supported by "precedent on precedent." Justice Neil Gorsuch called it "settled law" and "law of the land." Yet both, according to the draft, have now voted to overturn Roe.

Angry pro-choice advocates blame what they see as two sneakily stolen seats on the court and three justices appointed by a president who lost the popular vote. The senators who voted to confirm these justices also are responsible for a decision that comes even as abortion laws are being liberalized in other countries around the world.

The U.S. Senate could make the court's ruling moot by voting for the Women's Health Protection Act, which has already passed the House and which would make abortion legal across the country. But without a court embedding that right in the Constitution, it could be overturned if Republicans regain control of the White House and Congress.

As a nation, we should have learned the dangers of enacting laws, such as Prohibition, that lack popular support. Most Americans support access to abortion. With this draft ruling, distrust of the nation's highest court – already on the rise – is sure to grow, further threatening the nation's already-fragile unity.

This editorial was published in the Chicago Sun-Times.

The lives of mothers through the last century

Last summer a reader penned me a note, asking that I write about the changes in women's lives over the past century as a tribute to Mother's Day. That is a fine way to consider the sweep of recent economic history. I do so through the experiences of four women – my and my wife's grandmothers. This provides enough passage of time to fully see the immense

changes of the past century and longer, while still connecting it to people we knew and loved.

Michael Hicks



Three of these women were born in southern Indiana, one in in southern Illinois, all at home and on farms. They were born between 1897 and 1911, before Mother's Day was widely celebrated. They lived between 75 and 99 years. All four were born of mostly Scots-Irish stock, whose great-grandfathers walked westward to claim the lands owed Revolutionary War veterans. They carried common names –

Baker, King, Sipe and Young.

All four had fathers or grandfathers who'd fought for Union Regiments in the Civil War. One man was wounded, one died and one lost a brother to the war. Like most American women of their generation, war would revisit them in ghastly ways throughout their lives.

Three of the four women finished high school, and one attended a woman's business school immediately afterwards. One finished college later in life. Another made it only through eighth grade but was allowed to attend again a second year before working full-time at her family's dairy farm. All were well-read and possessed of a love for learning, art and crafts. Their paintings, embroidery, tatting and crochet are among the only family heirlooms any of their grandchildren possess.

All four women married. Two were widowed young; one with four children at home, and the other with three. One remarried, raising four more children; the other was widowed for 62 years. Tuberculosis and war wounds claimed their husbands in their 30s and 40s. A third lost her husband to a farming accident decades later. These were difficult lives, plagued with risks few of us imagine today.

These remarkable women bore 15 children, all at home and before antibiotics. One gave birth during the 1937 flood, with the physician arriving by boat, and another bore two children in a log cabin. Their children suffered what were then common diseases of childhood, including rheumatic fever and polio. Still, these 15 children grew to adulthood. All the sons served in the military. One died in battle and two more from illness connected to their military service.

Only two of these women worked at paying jobs outside the home. One was a school teacher at 17 in Canaan, Ind. She lived with a host family through the week and was driven daily by carriage to a one-room school, returning on horseback to her family on Friday. Later in life she finished college and returned to the classroom. The other, widowed young and with four boys to feed, worked in war factories in 1941 and a variety of jobs thereafter.

Of course, labor at home was tough, as any contemporary mother can attest. None of these families had electricity before the 1940s, and "farm work" meant breakfast prepared on wood stoves after pre-dawn milking, among other chores. Their stories of cooking meals during harvest and planting seasons are worthy of several columns. Much of their labor went to their communities, through churches, schools and civic groups. In my mind's eye, I picture my grandmother, in her well-ironed apron, canning fruit for a local covered bridge festival that survives in Rockville to this day.

These women passed into middle age with few of the modern conveniences we take for granted. Each lived one-third to half their lives without electricity or indoor plumbing. Their homes were largely self-sustaining. They raised their own chickens for eggs and meat. They slaughtered their own livestock each year and smoked the meat. Gardens supplied their herbs and vegetables. They made and mended their own clothes and skinned rabbits and squirrels for dinner. The aprons they wore served not only to keep their dresses clean, but also as potholders, dishtowels, and cloths to wipe a child's tears. These simple items should have been the model for superhero capes.

Whatever surplus crops they could save was sold for shoes, books and tools. By the standards of their time, these women ranged from lower-middle class to solidly upper-middle class. Most moved up and down the income ladder due to the Great Depression or loss of a husband. By today's standards, they were very poor, living well below the modern standards of poverty. This was not unusual for the era, and none of these women described themselves in those terms. They lived in communities that valued their fellowship and wisdom. In such places, one is never really impoverished.

Insofar as we can recall, only one of our grandmothers, the youngest, ever travelled overseas or took more than one or two vacations. Only two of our grandmothers ever learned to drive a car. Still, they lived at a time of stunning technological and economic growth. They were born when life expectancy was fewer than 50 years, and the last one passed away when expectancy was close to 80 years. Nothing like this has happened before anywhere in the world.

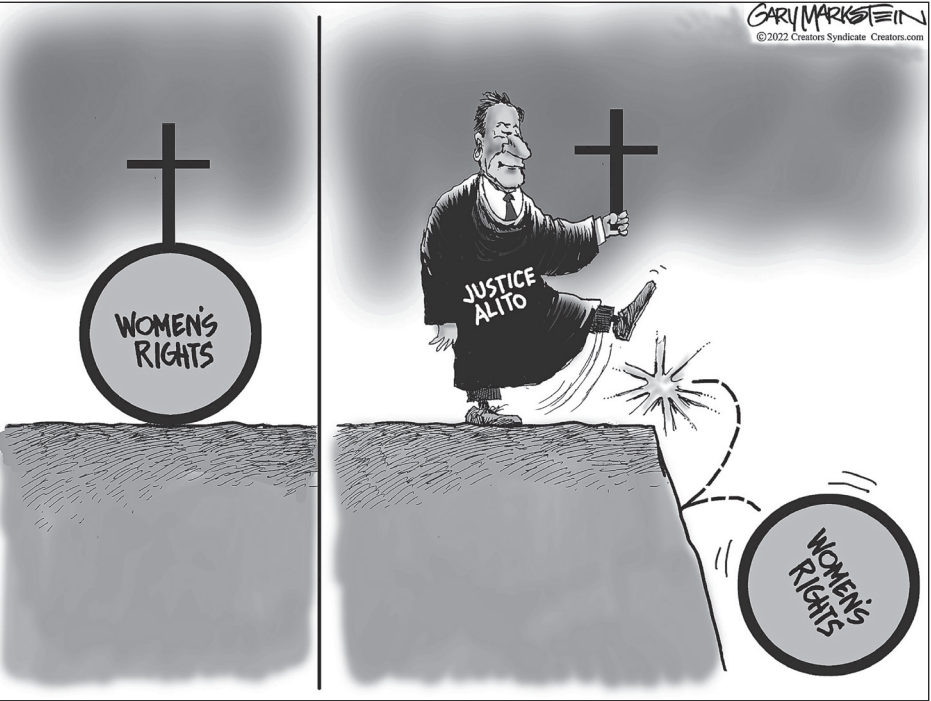
Over the course of their lifetimes, the inflation-adjusted standard of living of Americans grew more than 800 percent. This great enrichment saw them live through a time of unrecognizable change. The world they were born into would've been more familiar to a European peasant of 1650 than to anyone born after World War II. These times are worlds apart, separated by more economic growth in one century than in the previous hundred centuries combined.

This widening prosperity gave extraordinary opportunities to their children. We grandchildren were born healthy, in hospitals, in a world of antibiotics and wonder medicines. All of us completed high school and most graduated college. Of the 36 grandkids, all lived to adulthood, and 33 are still alive, with the youngest of us in our 50s. Though a disproportionate number of these grandchildren went to war, all of us came home. With most of us now in our 60s, my cousins have already exceeded the lifespan of our grandmother's generation by a third.

The oldest of these four women voted in 1920, the first election in which women in the United States could participate. That was an important moment that marked the essential change in the opportunities for women. Over their lives, the experience of women in civil life changed more than in all the time before it. In some ways these women were ahead of their times. They were all equally or better-educated than their husbands and worked outside the home at twice the rate of women of their times.

On this Mother's Day it is both comforting and optimistic to think upon the vast sweep of history these women lived through. They built a life through tragedy and heartbreak, and we can today draw strength from their example. Of course, I view them a bit differently. I am thankful for them as mothers and grandmothers, and for the love, support and encouragement they gifted us.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Russian devil threatens the world

The Russian invasion of Ukraine and the attendant destruction, deaths and war crimes against humanity have dramatically changed the status of our world, and it is a wake-up call for Europe to be ready to confront Russia.

We are faced with a Russian devil who launches missiles to indiscriminately kill civilians and destroy civilian property. Ukraine needs the capability to destroy Russian missile launching sites.

Europe remembers the murders, destruction and subjugation of World War II, and history is now repeating itself in Ukraine. NATO countries have to vastly increase their militaries, both defensively and offensively, to thwart Russia. Tactical nuclear missile systems should be deployed within NATO countries. The addition of Sweden and Finland to NATO will give it a strategic presence in the north.

Economic sanctions against Russia must be maintained for years to drive the Russian economy into a depression. This will

hurt the civilian population, but it is necessary to deprive the Russian military of funding, and hopefully, significantly degrade it over time; and Russia must pay trillions of dollars in war reparations to rebuild Ukraine. The Russian devil and other Russian hierarchies should be considered pariahs of the world for years to come, and Russian embassies should be reduced to skeleton staffs.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-22-0012-SS
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department basement, Miami
Street entrance, 79 W. Main St., Wabash, IN
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$31,876.86

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Parcel No. 85-14-02-301-149.000-009

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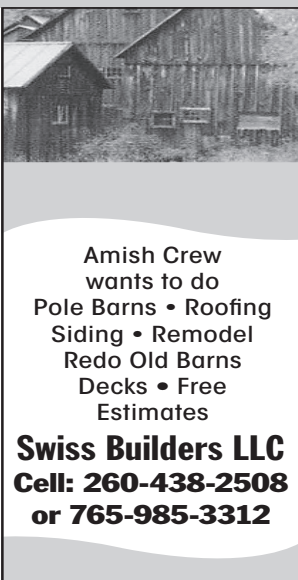
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Steven D. Hentgen was, on April 26, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of Thelma Maxine Hentgen, deceased, who died on the 18th day of March, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier or the claims will be forever barred.

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attempting to catch a speeding vehicle on Highway 31 in northern Fulton County. “His police car left the roadway and struck a tree, killing the trooper instantly,” said Slo-cum.

Master Trooper Det. David E. Rich, 41, died July 5, 2007, of a gunshot wound when a motorist he stopped to assist, Joseph Vultaggio Jr., opened fire on him as he approached a disabled vehicle on Highway 24 in Wabash County. Vultaggio then took his own life.

Rich’s memory was and continues to be kept alive through his three children and his wife, Connie Rich, according to a 2017 Plain Dealer story.

That day had been a day off of work for Connie that she said she later realized was a “blessing.” After the call had gone over the radio of an officer down and that it had been David who was shot, Connie’s best friend, Sandy Beeks, who had heard the news from her Wabash Fire Department (WFD) firefighter husband, came to tell Connie the news.

“Being the wife of a policeman and knowing the dangers, I asked whether it was a vehicle accident or a shooting incident,” Connie said in an email to the Plain Dealer. “She told me shooting. Not knowing his status, I remember immediately falling to my knees in prayer, begging God to protect Dave.”

Later on, according to Connie, she was visited by ISP Trooper Bart Stouffer who had the burden of sharing with Connie that her husband had died as a result of the incident.

“After that, everything became a blur for the next several days,” Connie said.

When Beeks had first arrived at Connie’s home, she had pulled Connie aside to ensure that the children didn’t hear. But now that the news had come in that David had died from the shooting, Connie was now tasked with telling her children, a 7-year-old

daughter and 4-year-old twin sons, that their father was not coming home that evening. Connie described telling her children about David’s death as the “hardest thing” she’s ever had to do.

“I don’t remember my exact words, but I knew I wanted to be completely honest with them in a way they could understand, so I somehow told them that their daddy had died and was never going to be coming home,” Connie said. “Being so young, I don’t think they really understood what it all meant until he never did come home.”

As the children grew up, according to Connie, she continued to be honest with them about how their father had died, something that she believes has helped them cope and understand the incident.

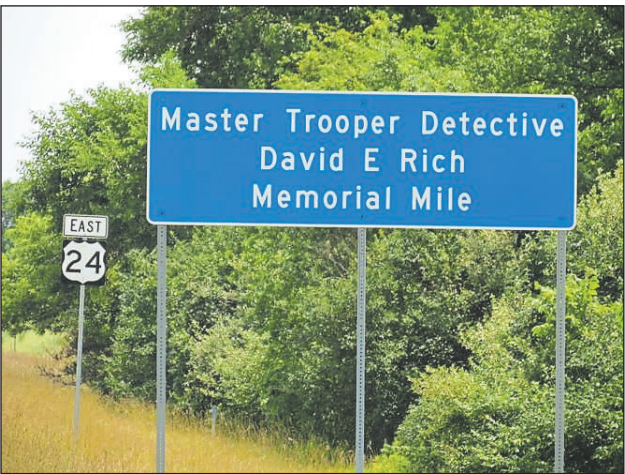
“I was always completely honest when my children would ask questions about their daddy’s death,” Connie said. “Over time, I believe my blunt truthfulness allowed my children to process what happened since they were so young when it happened.”

In the weeks following David’s death, according to Connie, she was contacted by both friends and strangers, all of them offering prayers and support.

“I wouldn’t want to live anywhere other than in this community,” Connie said. “People that we didn’t even know showed our family love and support in many various ways. This just doesn’t happen everywhere.”

Within the department, Connie said, her family continues to have support. Deputies and their families have been there for Connie and have watched her kids grow up over the years, always there in case any of them needed their assistance. Their close connections with deputies through the Wabash County Sheriff’s Department, according to Connie, have also helped her children get a better idea of who David was as a man and a police officer.

“This has helped me and my children more than these officers will ever know,” Connie,



Plain Dealer file photo

TOP: A memorial honoring the life and service of Master Trooper Det. David Rich stands on the side of Highway 24 in 2017. **ABOVE:** On July 2, 2008, nearly a year after his death, a portion of Highway 24 was dedicated to honor the life and service of Master Trooper Det. David Rich.

an administrative assistant at the local Sheriff’s Department, said. “They have been able to watch different officers and ask if Daddy did this or that. There really is something about the police brotherhood. They have more than just your back on duty.”

Now, David’s name is marked by a city park, to a Mexico baseball field and even a mile on Highway 24.

“Dave loved people and enjoyed helping them,” Connie said. “Unfortunately, that is what took his life. But it’s not how he died that made him a hero; it was how he lived his life that made him the true hero.”

In honor of the 10th anniversary of David’s death, there was a memorial service at David Rich Park. In addition, members of the ISP Peru Post and members of the WFD walked 16 miles

from the Peru Post to the spot where David’s life was taken on that day 10 years before.

According to another 2017 Plain Dealer story, former Wabash mayor Robert Vanlandingham, who was in office in 2007, was informed of the shooting during a meeting and when he learned it had been Rich who died, he immediately adjourned the meeting. He remembered Rich as a “good man” and was shocked that such a tragedy like this could happen.

“I honestly just hit the gavel, meeting adjourned,” Vanlandingham said. “I went into my office and sat at my desk for a while. I remember thinking that the whole thing was just wrong.”

Vanlandingham recalled the day of the service for Rich, noting that Gov. Mitch Daniels had been in attendance that day. The service

that day had been held at the Honeywell Center and as he walked back to his office, Vanlandingham said he was moved by the respect and support that the community put forth on that day to honor Rich.

“I remember Gov. Daniels said to me it was always a pleasure to come to Wabash, but that today’s reason was a sad one,” Vanlandingham said. “Walking down there and back, though, everyone was outside and everyone was so respectful.”

Mayor Scott Long was a detective for the Wabash Police Department (WPD) at the time of the shooting and shared that he and Rich had had a “good working relationship.” The two would often go to breakfast together and discuss cases that could benefit from information from both of them.

On the day of the shooting, Long stated, he had heard the call of an officer down on his radio and immediately went to the scene.

For Long, the shooting led him to personally rethink his usual approach to traffic stops. He noted that while it left some law enforcement officers shaken, the incident did not cause any of them to hesitate when it came to approaching similar situations. He explained that after the shooting, he started approaching cars on the passenger side and unsnapped his holster in case he ever needed to utilize his firearm.

“It was definitely a punch in the gut for a lot of us,” Long said. “On that day, that could have been anybody. It just changed the way I did things personally on the job and I think that may have held true for other law enforcement officers too. ... I am honored and humbled to be able to do that and I will be involved personally and assisting them in whatever we need to do. ... We’ve all watched David and Connie’s kids grow up. In my mind, Connie and the kids are the one who keep his memory alive.”

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Salamonie Native Plant ID Workshop on May 14

Workshop expected to last approximately three hours

STAFF REPORT

“Back by popular demand,” the Salamonie Native Plant ID Workshop is set to last from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at Salamonie’s Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

At the event, learn how to identify native plants during all seasons. The workshop is expected to last approximately three hours. The workshop will be held rain or shine.

“Our speaker Jake Wyatt will share his knowledge of native plant species. Wyatt, an Indiana Master Naturalist, is a Huntington County native whose hobby and passion for native versus ornamental species covers many years,” said Rody. “We will have an introductory presentation on using a dichotomous key – and learn why supporting native plants is important in today’s environment. The focus will be on wildflowers and ephemerals. There will be hands-on learning as we view native plants in their natural habitats.”

Participants should dress for the weather as there will be some walking to locate plants. There will also be caravanning to locations within Lost Bridge West. The cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

This workshop is supported by Indiana DNR and Upper Wabash Invasive Networks (UWIN).

For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

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to sit down for a phone interview with the Plain Dealer to discuss his comedic influences, his start in radio, his storied career and his fallout with Minnesota Public Radio (MPR).

Solo tour

Keillor said his current tour isn't as elaborate as your average episode of "A Prairie Home Companion," which usually featured a large cast of characters and musical guests. "This little tour is just me solo," said Keillor. "I stand up in front of the crowd and I hum a note and now they know they're supposed to sing with me. And I sing 'My Country 'Tis of Thee.' And they all join. We may be the last generation that knows all the words to this song. And they realize this. And then maybe we do 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' and then we may do 'I Saw Here Standing There.' And everybody in the room knows this song."

Keillor said he sings these songs with the audience to exemplify their shared humanity, apart from any ideological differences.

"They get the significance of it that there are people here who disagree about just about everything you know and there are people who are half crazy and there are all sorts of religious differences. And there are angry people in this room, some. And yet we all know the words to this song. And if I wanted to continue, I could do 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic.' I could do 'How Great Thou Art,' 'I've Been Working on the Railroad' and 'Sloop John B,'" said Keillor. "And I feel that the younger generation, I worry about them. They're walking around with earplugs in their ears and they're listening to their own music, which they have a right to do, but they seem so isolated from the world. So I do that, it's my little sermon. And the rest of the show is like that."

Lake Wobegon is a fictional town "where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking and all the children are above average" that Keillor has returned to many times in his work over the years.

"I talk about growing up and I talk about these wonderful pieces of good fortune that happened to me when I was a kid. And the kindness of my aunts and teachers and then I get into Lake Wobegon," said Keillor. "I talk about some funerals and having to do a eulogy for a classmate that I did not like at all."

'I brought juvenile comedy to public radio'

Keillor said being only three months shy of his 80th birthday had him thinking of his eulogy.

"I'm a miracle of medical science, but still it's a serious age," said Keillor. "And what is my eulogy? Well, I'll tell you. It's that I brought juvenile comedy to public radio. Public radio is a very serious news medium mostly. It used to be more classical music. Now it's mostly news. And they try to sound a lot like the BBC. And good for them. But what I did was to bring immature comedy and limericks and I invented a town so that I could talk about ordinary things rather than talk about Roe v. Wade, talk about civil rights issues, talk about race. All of the things that you hear about on public radio and Fox News and CNN and Rachel Maddow. Instead of that, talking about growing up. Talking about gardening.

Talking about lawn mowing. Talking about sitting in the back seat of a car with a girl and wondering what to do. And all of these simple, simple things."

Keillor said he's still basically doing the same thing as he did in his late 20s when he would host an early morning rural radio show.

"You drive to this little country radio station in the dark. Minnesota. Bitterly cold. January. Lights are starting to come on in the houses," said Keillor. "It's 5 a.m. And you realize these people don't want to hear how intelligent I am. They don't want me to discuss issues. They want to be made happy. They want me to joke. And so I told jokes. And it wasn't the policy of the radio station to do jokes, but when you work the 5 a.m. shift they can't find a replacement for you. They can't fire you. You are crucial. And so I played all sorts of music that went against the music policy. And did very little news. And I told questionable jokes."

Keillor said he was a "very good kid" who grew up as a Boy Scout and evangelical Christian. But, despite himself, he "he laughed out loud" at a book of off-color limericks he encountered the local library growing up.

"The librarian heard me and she came over and she looked up and said you're not supposed to be reading that. That's for older kids. You can't stifle your own laughter, you know. So it just opened the door to something else. I left the fundamentalist church and I became an Episcopalian and I wound up doing a lot of silliness that I'm still doing," said Keillor. "I am one of America's very few octogenarian stand-up comics. Not a lot of competition in that area of the stand-up field."

Keillor said growing up he gravitated towards the comedians who were popular during the so-called "golden age" of radio, including George Burns, Gracie Allen, Red Skelton, Jack Benny and Fibber McGee and Molly.

"They were still on the radio in the early and mid-50s. And they were just making the transition over to TV. So I heard them," said Keillor. "And I liked the comedians. My mother did too. She was fundamentalist. But she loved comics. And so I grew up listening to them. No, I don't think I'm like any of them. I can't think that I am. Jack Benny was just a master of timing. And the long delay and I don't do that sort of one-liner comedy. I tell stories and no I don't think I got it from them."

Keillor said he wasn't aware of him until later in life, but he found the work of native Hoosier Jean Shepherd to be inspiring. Shepherd was a humorist, radio host, storyteller and author, whose 1966 novel, "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash" was adapted into the beloved 1983 movie, "A Christmas Story."

"I didn't find out about him until much later. Lucky for me. He was so good, you know, I would have been discouraged," said Keillor. "How can you match the guy who's that perfect?"

At the movies

"A Prairie Home Companion" ran on MPR from 1974 until 2016. Before he retired from the show, though, Keillor wrote and starred in a movie of the same name in 2006, which was directed by Robert Altman.

Keillor said he had also written a screenplay based on his newest novel, "Boom Town," which was released recently, "but I don't know that it will ever get made."

"I've had people looking



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Fans of the long-running radio program "A Prairie Home Companion" had a chance to visit their friends in the fictional town of Lake Wobegon last weekend at the Honeywell Center.

at it," said Keillor. "It's such a hit-and-miss line of work, movie making and I don't understand it at all. There's a guy who has money who might invest in it. I don't know. But I don't know how to market it or promote or where to take it or so on. But I wrote it and if he wanted to make a movie of it I'd be very happy."

Keillor said he wasn't as concerned at this point in his career about what happened to the end product, but "the thing that you like is doing the work itself."

"It doesn't matter what happens to it. There are young people who are busy writing screenplays. And they're going to have to wait for two or three years to find out if anything will happen. And they'll sit on agents' desks and so on," said Keillor. "When you're 80 years old. You enjoy sitting down and writing. I enjoy writing a twice-weekly column online. And I enjoy going out and doing a show in front of a theater with people. And those are the things that I get a kick out of. I'm not in the game of submitting work to somebody else for their approval. It doesn't interest me. It's a good life. I had a big bestselling book in 1985. It was a huge success. And it was a lot of fun. But once you've done it, why try to repeat it? I don't know."

Keillor's side of what happened with MPR

Over a year after Keillor retired from "A Prairie Home Companion" and handed the reins over to new host Chris Thile, MPR announced they were terminating their business relationships with Keillor "after recently learning of allegations of his inappropriate behavior with an individual who worked with him," said director of communications and member and audience services Angie Andresen on Nov. 29, 2017.

"Last month, MPR was notified of the allegations which relate to Mr. Keillor's conduct while he was responsible for the production of A Prairie Home Companion. MPR President Jon McTaggart immediately informed the MPR Board Chair and a special Board committee was appointed to provide oversight and ongoing counsel. In addition, MPR retained an outside law firm to conduct an independent investigation of the allegations. Based on what we currently know, there are no similar allegations involving other staff. The attorney leading the independent investigation has been conducting interviews and reviewing documents, and the investigation is still ongoing," stated Andresen. "MPR takes these allegations seriously and we are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful and supportive work environment for all employees and everyone associated with MPR. We want a workplace where anyone who experiences unwanted behavior feels comfortable in reporting concerns to MPR. Discrimination, harassment, retaliation or other inappropriate behaviors will not be tolerated."

Andresen said by terminating their contracts they were ending the distribution and broadcast of Keillor's show "The Writer's Almanac" and rebroadcasts of

"The Best of A Prairie Home Companion" hosted by Keillor. MPR also changed the name of the new show hosted by Thile to "Live From Here" and separated it from the Pretty Good Goods online catalog and website.

By January 2018, Keillor said he was in negotiations with MPR, according to the Associated Press. And a few months later, the two sides had reached an agreement.

"Fans of 'A Prairie Home Companion' and 'The Writer's Almanac' will be able once again to view archived materials from those shows under terms of a deal announced by MPR," reported Euan Kerr and Laura Yuen of MPR News on April 13, 2018. "Public access to the archives had been suspended after MPR severed its contracts with (Keillor). That move followed revelations that Keillor had been accused of inappropriate behavior toward a woman who worked on 'A Prairie Home Companion.' Under the agreement, MPR will pay Keillor \$275,000. Both parties agree they will not sue each other. And MPR will restore access to the thousands of past shows that it had scrubbed from its website following the news in November 2017 that it had severed contracts with him."

Keillor said "The Writer's Almanac" and "A Prairie Home Companion" the archives had been restored.

"We have the archives and there are people who like to go back and listen to these things," said Keillor.

When asked for his side of the story, Keillor said it was "basically a shakedown." Keillor said the complaint had been filed by a contractor who was not given severance.

"He got very, very angry and he found a couple of women who had worked for me for years and they joined him in a complaint saying that I had sexually harassed them. Which was not true," said Keillor. "The fact was that there had been a mutual exchange of flirtatious emails, which I'm not proud of, but nothing happened. It was just sort of byplay that was very common before #MeToo. In every office in America, there was a lot of flirtation. And it's just how it was. And then the rules changed and some of us who were older didn't realize and so we got caught."

Keillor said he had a "beautiful career up to that point and so I don't feel bitter about it." "It is what it is. And there is no way to defend yourself in that atmosphere. #MeToo, the motto was the woman must be believed. And so the women that made the charge never were cross-examined. They were never examined by anybody," said Keillor. "They made their statements and they wanted anonymity. And they wanted money. And an insurance company paid the money and then MPR said

something that I had been inappropriate and I don't know what they meant by it. That put the story on the front page of the New York Times. And that will end your career."

Keillor said he is still adjusting to the changes in society even now when he goes out to perform.

"I did a show in Denver. And a woman who has worked for me for 30 years walked up behind me and she put an arm around me. And it shocked me. It shocked me. It scared me. You're not supposed to do that. And I told her so. 'You're not supposed to do that.' I didn't put my arm around her. She put one arm around me. And she did it because she felt she liked the show. She thought it was a wonderful show. It was her way of saying congratulations. But you don't do that anymore," said Keillor.

Best piece of advice

When asked what the best piece of advice he ever received was, Keillor said it came from a journalism teacher in college who gave the class a writing assignment every day.

"It was a five-day-a-week class," said Keillor. "He gave us a writing assignment every day. And if we had even one spelling mistake we got an F. And it seemed so unfair but you learned to proofread. You learn from pain. You get a few F's for brilliant things you've written, but you misspelled 'titillate' and it teaches you to read carefully."

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3 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. It also features La jolie fille de Perth by Georges Bizet, Die Hebrides Overture by Felix Mendelssohn and Knightsbridge March by Eric Coates.

Because of the symphony's commitment to outreach, tickets are just \$15. Admission is free for those 18 and under, and Manchester University students and employees. Tickets are available at www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org. They can also be purchased at the door.

"I love composing for musicians I know well, and Derek is someone I've had the honor of working with many times," Lynn said. "Since the concerto is rather extensive (five movements total), I have lots of room to layer in all my favorite vibes conveyed by Derek's personality: joy, warmth, humor, musicality, love, grace, and peace. I look forward to hearing his interpretation of my work!"

Reeves is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and violist in the Freimann Quartet. He is this season's guest artist with the MSO. During his residency, he will inspire young musicians with a master class and do outreach

at area public schools.

The Sunday, May 15 concert is part of the Values, Ideas and the Arts series at MU, designed to offer academic and cultural enrichment to its students.

On Friday, May 13, Reeves will perform a piano and viola recital with Pamela Haynes. It is 7:30 p.m. in MU's Wine Recital Hall. The program, which is free and open to the public, includes sonatas by Bach, Brahms and Hindemith.

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